

OPINION 700

DASIOPS ALVEOFRONS MOFFITT & YARUSS, 1961 (INSECTA,
DIPTERA): SUPPRESSED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *alveofrons* Moffitt and Yaruss, 1961, as published in the binomen *Dasiops alveofrons*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of both the Law of Priority and the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The specific name *alveofrons* McAlpine, 1961, as published in the binomen *Dasiops alveofrons*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1971.

(3) The specific name *alveofrons* Moffitt & Yaruss, 1961, as published in the binomen *Dasiops alveofrons* (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 788.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1492)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. J. F. McAlpine, Dr. H. R. Moffitt and Dr. F. L. Yaruss in July 1961. The application was sent to the printer on 22 August 1961 and was published on 28 May 1962 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 19 : 173. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 4 : 51–56) and to seven entomological serials. No objection was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 13 May 1963 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (63)21 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 19 : 73. At the close of the prescribed voting period the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty-one (21), received in the following order: China, Boschma, Holthuis, Vokes, Stoll, Hering, Bonnet, do Amaral, Mayr, Alvarado, Obruchev, Lemche, Riley, Binder, Borchsenius, Uchida, Tortonese, Miller, Evans, Kühnelt, Brinck.

Negative votes—two (2): Jaczewski, Mertens.

On Leave of Absence—three (3): Bradley, Key, Mertens.

Voting Papers not returned—one (1): Munroe.

Commissioner Hemming returned a late affirmative vote. The following comment was made by Prof. Jaczewski in returning his negative vote:

“In my opinion no action is necessary as the case falls clearly under Art. 50 and 51 of the new Code. The correct citation of the species in question would be: *Dasiops alveofrons* McAlpine in Moffitt & Yaruss, 1961. Let us apply the Code instead of resorting to the plenary powers of the Commission in every minor and simple case!”

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official List and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

alveofrons, *Dasiops*, McAlpine, 1961, *Canad. Ent.* **93** (7) : 539-544

alveofrons, *Dasiops*, Moffitt & Yaruss, 1961, *J. econ. Ent.* **54** (3) : 504-505

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (63)21 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 700.

W. E. CHINA

Acting Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

10 October 1963

COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL TO PLACE *ACARUS TELARIUS*,
TROMBIDIUM TILIARIUM AND *TETRANYCHUS URTICAE*
ON THE OFFICIAL LIST Z.N.(S.) 1564

(see volume 20, pages 363-366)

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Tetranychid mites are so important economically that their nomenclature concerns many biologists other than taxonomists. Any reasonable proposal to resolve the long-standing chaos in the use of these names deserves consideration. The application of Boudreaux and Dosse appears to be based on sound principles consistent with the Code of Zoological Nomenclature. I therefore wish to support this petition.

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The currently existing confusion, coupled with the wide need of names for these mites in the literature of applied and basic biology, demands stability in nomenclature. The actions proposed by Boudreaux and Dosse will not only lead to stability but have the added merit of being entirely consistent with all available information pertinent to the nomenclature of these mites and with the Code. In our opinion such a proposal is more likely to lead to stability than one involving suspension of the Code in order to validate the proponent's current usage. The designation of neotypes for the species involved and the deposition of these in the British Museum (Nat. Hist.) is also to be commended.